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SUBJECT: ITF CONGRESS: CHILEAN BOYCOTT RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY
ADOPTED

REF: STOCKHOLM 3514

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. ON AUGUST 14 THE ITF CONGRESS
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AN ITF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLU-
TION CALLING FOR A 48 HOUR BOYCOTT OF CHILEAN TRANSPORT ON
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SEPTEMBER 18-19. THE RESOLUTION ALSO INSTRUCTS THE ITF

EXECUTIVE BOARD TO SEND A MISSION TO CHILE TO STUDY THE SITUATION THERE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MUCH DISCUSSED CHILEAN BOYCOTT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE ITF CONGRESS IN UNDRAMATIC BUT RESOLUTE FASHION. PERUVAIN DELEGATE MEDARDO GOMERO, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATION AT THE CONGRESS, URGED UNANIMOUS ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION. GOMERO TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT "THERE IS NO TRADE UNION FREEDOM IN CHILE TODAY, NO RIGHT TO STRIKE, NO RIGHT TO BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY." HE SAID THAT LABOR CONTRACTS WHICH WERE NEGOTIATED BEFORE THE MILITARY TAKE-OVER WERE CANCELLED. GOMERO DESCRIBED THE SITUATION IN CHILE AS ONE OF "INTERNAL WAR" AND SUGGESTED THAT THE WAR WAS BEING WAGED AGAINST WORKERS AND THEIR UNIONS.

3. THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED IS AS FOLLOWS:
"THIS 31ST CONGRESS OF THE ITF MEETING IN STOCKHOLM FROM 7 TO 15 AUGUST 1974.

FULLY ENDORSES THE STATMENT ON CHILE ADOPTED BY THE ITF EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS MEETING IN PARIS ON 30-31 OCTOBER 1973

AGAIN CONDEMNS THE DENIAL BY THE CHILEAN MILITARY JUNTA OF THE BASIC CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES OF CHILEAN WORKERS

NOTES WITH DIRE CONCERN THAT DESPITE WORLD WIDE PROTEST AND CONDEMNATION THE REPRESSIVE MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST CHILEAN TRADE UNIONISTS AND WORKING PEOPLE ARE DAILY BECOMING MORE SEVERE AND THEREFORE RESOLVES:

(A) TO CALL UPON ALL AFFILIATES OF THE ITF TO SUPPORT A BOYCOTT OF ALL CHILEAN TRANSPORT ON 18-19 SEPTEMBER 1974

(B) TO INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SUBSEQUENTLY TO SEND A MISSION TO CHILE TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION THERE WITH REGARD TO CIVIL AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS: AND

(C) TO PLEDGE THE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF ALL AFFILIATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNIONS FOR WHATEVER ACTION MAY BE PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AFTER CONSIDERING THE MISSION'S REPORT."

4. COMMENT: THE RESOLUTION REFERS TO ALL CHILEAN TRANSPORT WHICH HAS BEEN INTERPRETED TO US BY SECRETARIAT OFFICERS AS MEANING CHILEAN FLAG CARRIERS ONLY. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS GENERALLY FELT BY ITF OFFICIALS HERE THAT THE BOYCOTT WILL BE LARGELY INEFFECTIVE. THE RESOLUTION

PROVIDES FOR AN EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR
FURTHER ACTION AFTER THE ITF MISSION TO CHILE IS
COMPLETED. LABOR ATTACHE CONVERSATIONS WITH MANY
DELEGATES, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT A RECOMMENDATION
FOR A FULL FLEDGED BOYCOTT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.
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